

Overview of the 1998 HOPWA Competition

SuperNOFA for Targeted Housing and Homeless Assistance

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Super Notice for Targeted Housing and Homeless Assistance programs (SuperNOFA) includes funds for the 1998 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) competition. The NOFA establishes the following key items:

- **Applications:** The HOPWA application kit and the SuperNOFA Users Guide are available from the SuperNOFA Information Center 1-800-HUD-8929 or 1-800-483-2209 TTY and information on this notice is on the internet at www.hud.gov.

- **Due Date:** Friday, July 10, 1998. Applicants should send their original application to HUD Headquarters (Room 7251) and two copies to the area CPD office.

- **Funds:** \$20.15 million.

- **Grant Size:** The project maximum is \$1 million for program activities. Additional administrative costs (up to 3 percent for grantees and up to 7 percent for sponsors) and funds to collect data on project outcomes (up to \$50,000) is also available.

- **Activities:** Projects may undertake a range of activities, if consistent with the area consolidated plan including: the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation and operation of community residences, single room occupancy dwellings, and short-term facilities; tenant and project-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to prevent homelessness; supportive services; housing information; technical assistance; and other activities that are proposed by applicants and approved by HUD, although HUD will not approve

- **Two Grant Categories: (1) Special Projects of National Significance** which are model projects for housing and related services submitted by states, local governments or non-profit organizations, and

- (2) **Projects that are part of Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies** for providing housing and related services submitted by states and local governments for areas that do not qualify for HOPWA 1998 formula allocations (a non-profit organization cannot apply directly for this category, but may serve as a project sponsor).

- **Rating and Selection.** All applications will be reviewed for five common criteria for a total 100 points and 2 bonus points will be awarded for applications that serve Empowerment Zones/Enter-prise Communities and under the Dallas Court order. The highest rated application(s) in each category will be selected. HUD may consider greater diversity in making awards, if a State has great need and has not been the recipient of a prior award. HUD may correct and modify requests.

- **Five common criteria (100 points maximum):**

- Capacity of the Applicant and Project Sponsors and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 points).** HUD will consider the ability to develop and operate the program, past experience on HIV/AIDS and programs similar to the proposal, experience in monitoring and evaluating programs and disseminating information, and prior performance with HUD.

activities that depend on future decisions to use funds, e.g. use of RFPs.

- **Eligibility:** Eligible persons are low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

including assisting persons who have been traditionally underserved, if documented; 5 points for applications that serve non-formula areas as well as for successful projects that seek to renew prior HOPWA competitive grants. Also, after rating the other criteria, the remaining 5 points will be awarded to the highest rated application in each state and the highest rated application that proposes nation-wide activities to help achieve greater geographic diversity in selections.

Soundness of Approach: Responsiveness and Model Qualities (40 points). Up to 20 points are awarded for **responsiveness** to the needs of clients. HUD will consider how the plan: describes and responds to the need for housing and related services; offers a personalized response; and results in tangible benefits for the community and clients, including persons traditionally underserved if documented under need. HUD will also consider how proposals address the accessibility of units and structures, accommodate families, and monitor and evaluate efforts. For technical assistance requests, HUD will consider how the plan responds to a need to improve program development, operations and organizational capacity. Proposals that only request supportive service funding are required to demonstrate that housing needs are being met through other means.

In addition, 15 points will be awarded for **model qualities** that are demonstrated in the design, planning, operation, coordination with health-care and other supportive services, management oversight, and evaluation of activities and that may be replicated in other communities. In addition, 5 points will be awarded for **innovation**.

Extent of leveraged public and private resources for the project (10 points). HUD

Need/Extent of the Problem (20 points).

HUD will award up to 5 points based on the number of reported cases of AIDS and per capita incidence in the service area as reported by CDC; 5 points for the description of urgent and unmet need,

- **Performance Benchmarks:** Projects that are selected may use funds over three years and will be notified of any modifications made by HUD. As a condition of the grant, projects are expected to begin program operations within one year of their selection, except that projects that involve the acquisition or leasing of a site are required to gain site control within one year of their selection and, if proposing to undertake rehabilitation or new construction activities, to begin the activity within eighteen months and to complete the activity within three years of that date. Failure to meet a benchmark may result in the cancellation of the award unless waived for factors beyond the grantee's control.

We know that implementing the Continuum of Care concept and the HOPWA program can have an even greater impact on a community when they work in tandem with other HUD programs. Our SuperNOFAs will give those interested in the health and vitality of our communities greater opportunities to create and implement successful, comprehensive local plans. We urge you to view this new process as an opportunity to create holistic, coordinated strategies addressing all of your community's housing and development needs.

Secretary Andrew Cuomo

- **Measurable Objectives:** HUD has established standard program-wide performance measures that cover the amount of (1) short-term or transitional housing; and (2) permanent housing that is provided. Applicants should propose goals under these measures that help achieve their objectives.

will consider the value of other public or private resources that are committed to the project at the time of application. Standard commitment letters are provided in the application kit.

Comprehensiveness and Coordination (10 points). HUD will evaluate the extent to which the applicant coordinated its activities with other known organizations, participates or promotes participation in a community's Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance planning process (if homeless persons are to be served) and the jurisdiction's Consolidated Planning process.

● **For More Information:** Contact the HUD State or area office or the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, 451 Seventh St., S.W., Room 7154, Washington, D.C. 20410; phone (202) 708-1934; TTY 1-800-877-8339, FAX: (202) 708-1744. Information is available on HUD, the \$183.6 million available in eligible cities and States through HOPWA formula allocations and SuperNOFA funding at: <http://www.hud.gov>.